

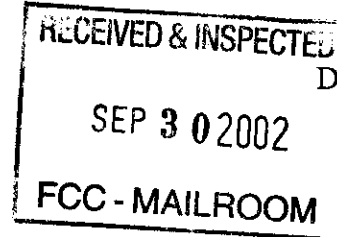


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Docket UT-013047

September 25, 2002

Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Universal Service Administrative Company
2120 L. Street, NW-Suite 600
Washington, DC 20037

Re: **CC Docket 96-45**, USF Certification as Required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.314

Ms. Dortch and Ms. Flannery:

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 and on the basis described below, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) has received letters from rural incumbent local exchange carriers and/or eligible telecommunications carriers (listed below) certifying that federal high-cost support funds will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. The WUTC certifies compliance with 47 C.F.R. 54.314(a) based entirely on the corporate officer certifications. The following is a list of all carriers who sent certifications to the WUTC and includes all carriers in Washington state currently receiving federal universal service support:

522404 Asotin Telephone Company
522410 CenturyTel of Cowiche, Inc.
522408 CenturyTel of Inter Island, Inc.
522408 CenturyTel of Washington, Inc.
522412 Ellensburg Telephone Company
522417 Hat Island Telephone Company
522419 Hood Canal Communications, Inc.
522423 Inland Telephone Company
522426 Kalama Telephone Company
522427 Lewis River Telephone Company
522431 Mashell Telecom, Inc.
522430 McDaniel Telephone Company
522418 Pend Oreille Telephone Company
522437 Pioneer Telephone Company
522442 St. John Telephone Company

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522446 Tenino Telephone Company
522447 The Toledo Telephone Co., Inc.
N/A United States Cellular Corporation
522400 United Telephone Company of the Northwest DBA Sprint
522451 Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company
522452 Whidbey Telephone Company
522453 YCOM Networks, Inc.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Bob Shirley at
bshirley@wutc.wa.gov or at (360) 664-1292.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carole J. Washburn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carole" being more prominent and the last name "Washburn" following in a similar style.

Carole J. Washburn
Executive Secretary